

**Maine EMS
Education Committee
November 14, 2007**

- I. Called to order at 9:32**
- II. Attendance:** E. Wellman, B. Langerman, K. Gurney, D. Boucher, S. Diaz, J. Bradshaw, C. Adams, L. Delano, K. Bachi, C. Volta
- III. Review of Minutes** – Deferred because minutes not sent out
- IV. Introduction** –Introduction of Carrie Adams from MCEMS
- V. Protocol Changes – Liz Delano** – Liz reviewed the red section with the group. Many of her questions were formatting issues that will be dealt with by Jay in the final document. Jay also pointed out that the protocol changes regarding 12-lead as written did not require a rules change. However, if the MDPB wanted the protocol and 12-lead interpretation to become a mandatory requirement, then there would have to be a rules change to accommodate requirements. The group also pointed out that the pink and green sections were missing from the summary document that Dan distributed. Rick will bring the missing sections to Dan's attention.
- VI. Immunization program** – Rick and Jay updated the group on the immunization program. The program has been finalized and is being distributed to the OPS team members. Joanne was able to burn disks from the California website and has distributed them to each region. Instructors for the program will have to be MEMS I/C's as the lead with assistance from a subject matter expert. ME CDC allocated 2000 doses for EMS and the Regional offices will be the lead agency for acquiring the doses for their services.
- VII. MEMS Staff Report** – Jay reported that they are currently in the re-application process for the Education Coordinator. They have been unsuccessful to date finding someone that is qualified and a good fit for the position. Jay is also working with the Injury Prevention Committee on the annual EMSC grant which is due in 2 weeks.
- VIII. Course Approval/Accreditation** – Jay pointed out that course approval and program accreditation were 2 different things. We currently have an updated course approval document that is going to the OPS committee in December for final approval. The group then had a short discussion about the next steps for accreditation. Eric Wellman then passed out a sample accreditation checklist (2 topics only) for the group to consider. There are 5 areas of the CAHEP process: Program Administration, Faculty; Students, Evaluation, and Resources. After more discussion, the group decided to for an Ad Hoc committee to develop preliminary criteria for program accreditation. Members of that group are: Daryl Boucher, Eric Wellman, MEMS Rep (Jay), Liz Delano, John Leighton (Pending his agreement), Tiffany Stebbins.
- IX. Protocol Rollout** – Liz expressed concern on behalf of Tri-County EMS that there would be enough time to adequately educate the providers on the Protocol Changes. Jay reviewed the process for rollout as well as the

preliminary time frames, and the group thought there would be plenty of time to educate services and providers.

The group discussed development and rollout of the Protocol education program. Jay stated that it was his intention to contract with someone to develop the educational product and deliver the complete package to MEMS in January. The education would then have to be delivered by a MEMS I/C. The group also felt that there would have to be an educational piece for the ED's as well as the providers.

The process as outlined was supported by the group.

- X. **EMS Education Agenda for the future** – Jay talked about the confusion regarding the potential recommendations and changes in certification levels for EMS providers. This is not something that Maine EMS is working on at this time; this is a federal project. Once it is released, Maine EMS will have to consider the recommendations and the impact on the Maine EMS System. In any case, it would probably be 3 – 4 years before any implementation if that was the direction Maine EMS decided to go.

The group decided that we should arrange for an in-depth presentation once more is known about program.

- XI. **Instructor/Coordinator Program** – Liz asked if there was an I/C Refresher program, to which the answer is no, just the CEU requirements. Darryl felt that it might be time to review the current I/C program and update it, address instructor vs. coordinator, and review I/C levels. The group agreed that this should also be on the Committee agenda for a future project.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15